Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 12 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 12 Dec 2020 at 03:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled weather to continue. Showers or longer spells of rain most days. Becoming windy on the tops too.

Headline for Saturday 12 Dec 2020: Cloudy, misty with occasional rain and drizzle, dying out later, snow on highest peaks. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Dull	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
60%	70%	70%	40%	30%	20%

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Weather: A grey overcast day across much of the Northwest Highlands. There will also be occasional rain and drizzle with snow confined to highest peaks. Drier, clearer conditions will reach Skye and Knoydart by early evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance with extensive cloud cover around 600 to 700m with patches lower down. Cloud bases over hills towards West Coast may be above some of the tops, especially later in the day.

Visibility: Pockets of good visibility towards West Coast otherwise misty conditions, the visibility only a kilometre or two and becoming very poor in persistent rain and drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/14 SE	5/7 SW	6/7 S	6/8 S	6/8 S	8/10 SE	13/17 SE
900	11/13 SE	5/7 SW	5/6 S	6/8 S	6/8 S	8/10 SE	13/16 SE
600	8/10 SE	4/6 SW	3/5 S	4/6 S	4/7 S	6/9 SE	9/13 SE
300	1/7 SE	2/6 W	1/4 S	1/5 S	3/6 S	3/7 SE	3/10 E
Glen	4/6 SE	2/4 E	2/3 E	2/4 E	3/5 E	5/8 E	6/10 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-4	0/-2	0/-2	0/-3	0/-3	-0/-4	-1/-6
900	2/-3	1/-2	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-3	0/-5
600	4/0	3/1	3/2	3/2	3/1	3/-0	2/-1
300	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/4	4/3	4/2	3/1
Glen	7/6	7/6	7/7	7/6	7/6	6/4	6/3
Freezing Level*	1200m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note light winds on the tops but still feeling cold with damp conditions and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Weather: A deceptively dry, bright start with a touch of frost in the glens. Soon clouding over with light rain and sleet edging in from the southwest during the morning turning persistent and heavy in the afternoon. There will be a short spell of snow above 600m, combined with southeasterly gales leading to temporary blizzard conditions on higher parts before turning to rain at all levels during the evening.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly winds with average speeds on the tops of 30 to 40mph and gusts to 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% first part of morning then little chance from late morning. Thickening cloud with bases lowering well down the hills by the afternoon.

Visibility: Good at first, turning poor from the south later in the morning and virtually nil in heavy rain and snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius later in afternoon.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m in the morning, rising to 1300m in the evening.

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